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Sonoma Lake Napa Unit

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Burn Permits Required May 1, 2021

St. Helena – Beginning Saturday May 1st, 2021, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection CAL FIRE Sonoma Lake Napa Unit will require a burn permit for any outdoor open burning in State Responsibility Areas (SRA) in the following counties: Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Yolo and Colusa counties. For Lake County residents, the annual burn ban is in effect on May 1st, 2021. Residents seeking exemptions to the ban are asked to contact the Lake County Air Quality Management District at (707) 263-7000

We remind residents that burn permits are available online for residents living within the State Responsibility Area of Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Yolo and Colusa counties. CAL FIRE burn permits are required every year after May 1st to conduct open burning in the State Responsibility Area. The CAL FIRE permit is required in addition to an Air Quality Management District permit and any local fire agency permit. For more information, contact your local CAL FIRE station or your local fire department.

The online application provides a convenient alternative to obtaining a CAL FIRE permit for residents within these counties. Applicants will access the website at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>, watch the mandatory video which reviews burning requirements and safety tips, fill in the required fields, submit the form, and a dooryard burn permit will be created. The applicant must then print the permit. Permits are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued and must be reissued annually on or after January 1st of each year. Contact your local fire department or CAL FIRE to determine what permit requirements or burning restrictions apply in your area and always call or check with your local Air Quality Management District to confirm burn day status prior to igniting a fire.

Residents MUST obtain all required permits from their local Air Quality Management District:

- Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (707) 433-5911
- Bay Area Air Pollution Control District (Napa, Marin and Southern Sonoma County) (415) 749-5000
- Colusa County Air Pollution Control District (530) 458-0581
- Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (530) 757-3660

For larger burn projects, a different CAL FIRE burn permit is required and shall be obtained from CAL FIRE. This type of burn permit is not available online and will require a CAL FIRE inspection before a permit will be issued. Please call your local CAL FIRE station for information on obtaining and setting up an inspection.

How to Safely Burn Landscape Debris

- Landscape debris piles must be in small 4 feet by 4 feet piles.
- Maximum pile size is 4 feet in diameter.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10 feet of the outer edge of pile.
- Keep a water supply and shovel close to the burning site.
- A responsible adult is required by law to be in attendance until the fire is out.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.